

## Chapter 2

### JURISDICTION AND CENTRALIZED SERVICES

Standards in this chapter relate to a police department's jurisdiction and centralized services among police departments through cooperative agreements.

#### 2.1 Jurisdiction

##### 2.1.1 A written directive delineates the specific geographical boundaries of the department's jurisdiction.

*Comments: It is fundamental that the department clearly describe in writing the geographical boundaries of its jurisdiction. A detailed official map, including the boundaries of the jurisdiction, may satisfy the requirements of this standard. (M M M)*

**A written directive specifies the department's responsibilities as they relate to concurrent jurisdiction involving other law enforcement agencies.**

*Comments: The intent of the standard is to encourage a department to identify its responsibilities, recognizing the problems inherent in providing law enforcement services in concurrent jurisdictions. Concurrent jurisdictional situations may not always be avoidable, especially if they are mandated by law, the result of long-standing agreements, or serve a useful operational purpose for the jurisdictions involved. (M M M)*

##### 2.1.3 A written directive outlines the terms of any departmental agreement concerning concurrent jurisdiction.

*Comments: The written directive should clearly outline such details as communication linkages between the agencies to ensure prompt and appropriate response; the provision of back-up support between jurisdictions, and reporting responsibilities. (M M M)*

**A written directive requires compliance, within practicable limitations, with a request for temporary assistance made by another police department.**

*Comments: The intent of this standard is to ensure all reasonable assistance is provided to another police department in emergency situations. This would include police service dogs, bomb squads and other specialized services. (M M M)*

**A written directive governs procedures for requesting federal, provincial or municipal police assistance.**

*Comments: Circumstances may require the assistance of federal, provincial or other municipal police resources. Procedures should be in place prior to the need for such assistance to facilitate making such a request. (M M M)*

### **Centralized Services**

**If a regional or provincial police radio system exists, the department has access to the system.**

*Comments: Police departments should have ready access to each other to share and compare information on criminal activity and to summon assistance. (M M M)*

**The department participates in the centralized national fingerprint records system.**

*Comments: The intent of this standard is to ensure compliance with the national fingerprint records system. (M M M)*

**2.2.3 The department participates in the Canadian Police Information Centre (C.P.I.C.) system.**

*Comments: Information on criminal suspects and on stolen property can facilitate apprehension and recovery, especially since a great deal of criminal activity is interjurisdictional. (M M M)*

**The department participates in the Uniform Crime Reporting (U.C.R.) system.**

*Comments: Participation in the Uniform Crime Reporting system provides information on trends in crime. (M M M)*